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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

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- ☐ a sequence listing
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 3	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	NONE	YES
	Claims	1 - 3	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 3	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: US 6577616 B1 (10 June 2003)

D1, which is considered to be represent the closest prior art to the invention of claim 1, discloses a method of providing CDMA access availability to a cell area having a center in a CDMA system including a number of mobile stations and a base station having a group of cell site modems (CSMs). CSMs are configured to look for access attempts generated in respective circular- or annular-shaped areas (D1, abstract). The subject matter of claim 1 differs from that of D1 in that the base station informs a mobile station that the modem of the base station uses one access channel by an access parameter message, and the modem outputs an acquired access probe to the channel card and releases remaining access channels if the access probe has been acquired. However, said differences are obvious to a skilled person because they are simple design details of call setup procedure in CDMA communications. Therefore, claim 1 is considered to lack an inventive step.

The additional feature of dependant claim 2 is derivable from D1, wherein the base station resynchronizes the CSM by positioning the search window when a mobile station's energy approaches an edge of the traffic acquisition search window (D1, column 9, lines 6-17). Therefore, claim 2 is considered to lack an inventive step.

The additional feature of dependant claim 3 is disclosed in D1, wherein the mobile station accesses the system using one or more public long code masks (D1, column 5, lines 20-21), and each CSM has a particular search window size parameter and search start offset parameter (D1, column 5, lines 47-48, in combination with column 6, lines 18-20). Therefore, claim 3 is considered to lack an inventive step.

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